

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
TO PARTICIPANTS AT THE MEETING FOR EXECUTIVES OF THE  
MAIN COMPANIES IN THE OIL AND NATURAL GAS SECTORS,  
AND OTHER ENERGY RELATED BUSINESSES**

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There are also ethical reasons for moving towards global energy transition with a sense of urgency. As we know, everyone is affected by the climate crisis. Yet the effects of climate change are not evenly distributed. It is the poor who suffer most from the ravages of global warming, with increasing disruption in the agricultural sector, water insecurity, and exposure to severe weather events. Many of those who can least afford it are already being forced to leave their homes and migrate to other places that may or may not prove welcoming. Many more will need to do so in the future. The transition to accessible and clean energy is a duty that we owe towards millions of our brothers and sisters around the world, poorer countries and generations yet to come.

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